FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

<b>STATEMENT</b>	OF CHANGES	S IN BENEFIC	IAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Rajendra Ajita G						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SMITH A O CORP [ AOS ]									all applic Directo	able) r	g Perso	on(s) to Issu 10% Ow Other (s	ner
	,	PORATION	(Middle)		05/												below)		
(Street)	UKEE W	Л	53224		_   4.	If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individue)  X	ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person				
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			Date (Month/Day/Year)		ar)   if	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Code (Instr. r) 8)		Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			Benefic		ally ollowing		Indirect E str. 4)	of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	- 1	Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)			msu. 4)
Common Stock			05/19	/2017	2017					67,200	) A	\$5.9	)4	336	,545		D		
Common	Common Stock 05				/2017	2017			F		37,094	l D	\$53.4	175	299	,451	451		
Common	Stock														8,892(2)				Held by Spouse
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Derivative   Conversion   Date		3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) SA. Deel Execution if any (Month/I		Date,		ransaction ode (Instr.				6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		of Securities		Der	Derivative Security Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	is Ily	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$5.94	05/19/2017			M			67,200	(1)		02/11/2018	Common Stock	67,200		\$0	869,74	0	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The employee stock options were granted on 02/11/2008 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The options became exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 02/11/2009.

## Remarks:

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Ajita G. Rajendra

05/22/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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